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1. Kunszentmiklós-Kalecsa-Baja Line

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The order given during the Premiership of Imre Nagy for the extension of the main railroad line from Kunszentmiklós to Baja via Kalecsa has been rescinded, and work has stopped. It is stated that 45 million forints had already been spent. Lines already laid have been removed.

2. Attachment of Soviet Officer

A Soviet Colonel Hersitsky (fnu) has been attached to the Superstructure Maintenance Department of the Ministry of Mail and Transportation, who is kept informed of the minutest details of this department's activities.

3. Coal Supplies

MAV coal resources now stand at twenty-one days, and the quality of the coal has improved considerably.

4. Brake Blocks

A hand-to-mouth system is in operation, whereby blocks are removed from locomotives and railroad cars under repair, and mounted in locomotives and cars which are otherwise in running order, in order to keep them in service. About 1,000 blocks are being changed daily.

5. Budapest-Gödöllő Electrification

- a. Two electric locomotives have been doing trials on the Budapest-Gödöllő line since the end of May 1955.
- b. Electrification of this line is complete only as far as Gödöllő Station.
- c. Beyond that, side pylons have been erected as far as approximately km. stone 39 on the main road, which at that point runs near the railroad line. When observed on 6 July 1955, men were working on the line at that point, digging on the farther side of the line, but it was impossible to see whether they were erecting further pylons, or whether they were merely

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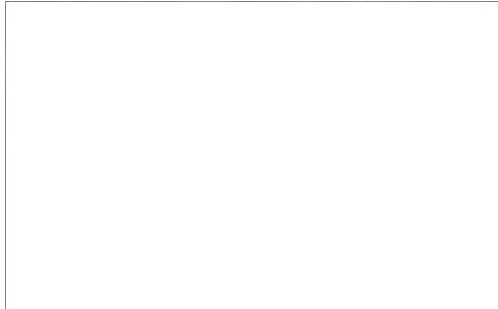


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repairing the line.¹ There were no other signs of activity.

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